



# Success Stories on Sharing: Joint Clinics



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## Gulf Coast Joint Ambulatory Care Center (JACC)

VA-DoD Sharing  
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# Joint Ambulatory Care Center

(Made possible through partnering)



## • Naval Hospital/JACC

- Located in close proximity
- Current sharing at Naval Hospital
  - Inpatient
  - Urology
  - Emergency Services
  - Sleep Lab (JIF)
- Future sharing
  - Surgical specialties
  - Women's Health



## • JACC: 205K s.f. ambulatory facility

- Full range of ambulatory services
- Joint Clinics
  - Dental
  - Physical Medicine and Rehab
- Administration Co-located
- Military sick call
- Offers many opportunities for sharing



# The Partnership

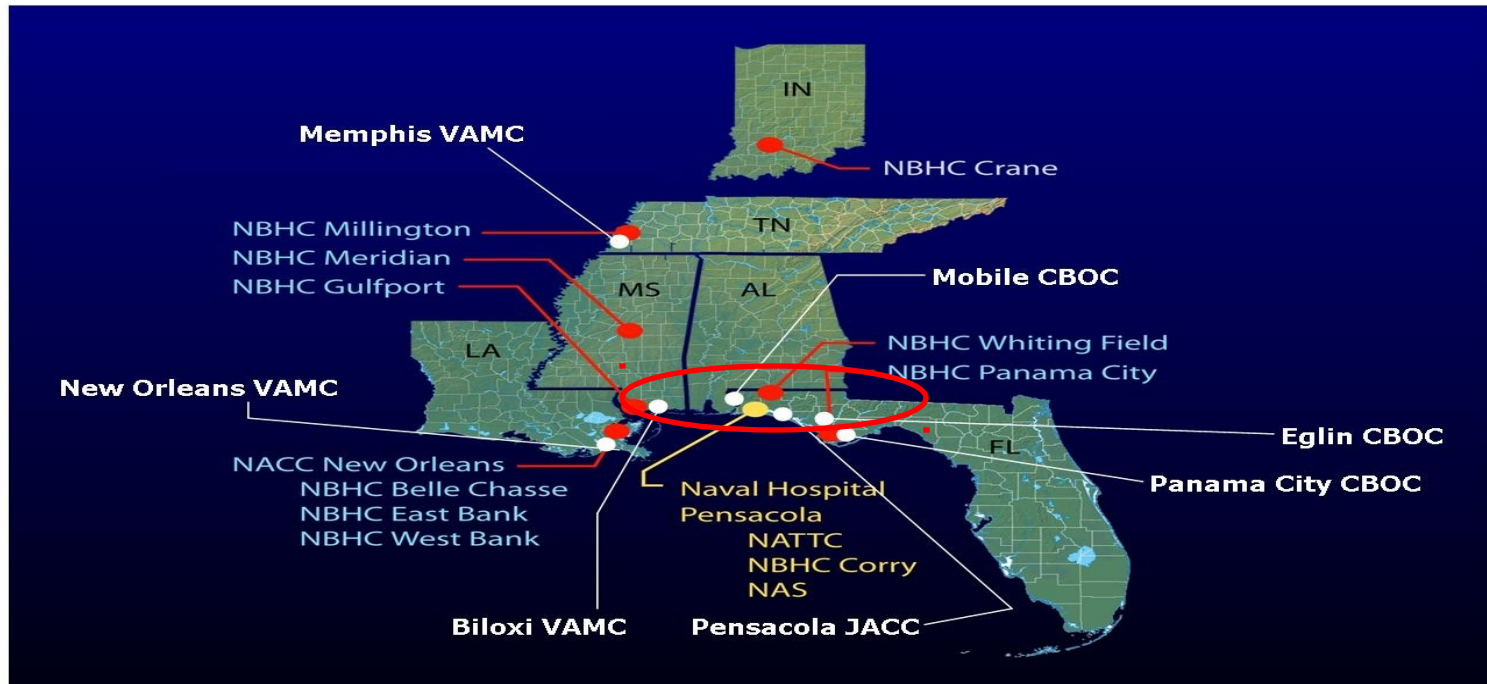
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- Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida
  - Hospital in Pensacola, Florida
  - 12 Naval Branch Health Clinics
  - Captain Maryalice Morro, NC, USN  
Commanding Officer
- VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System
  - VA Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi
  - JACC and 3 Community Based Outpatient Clinics
  - Ms. Kathleen Fogarty, Interim Director



# Naval Hospital Pensacola

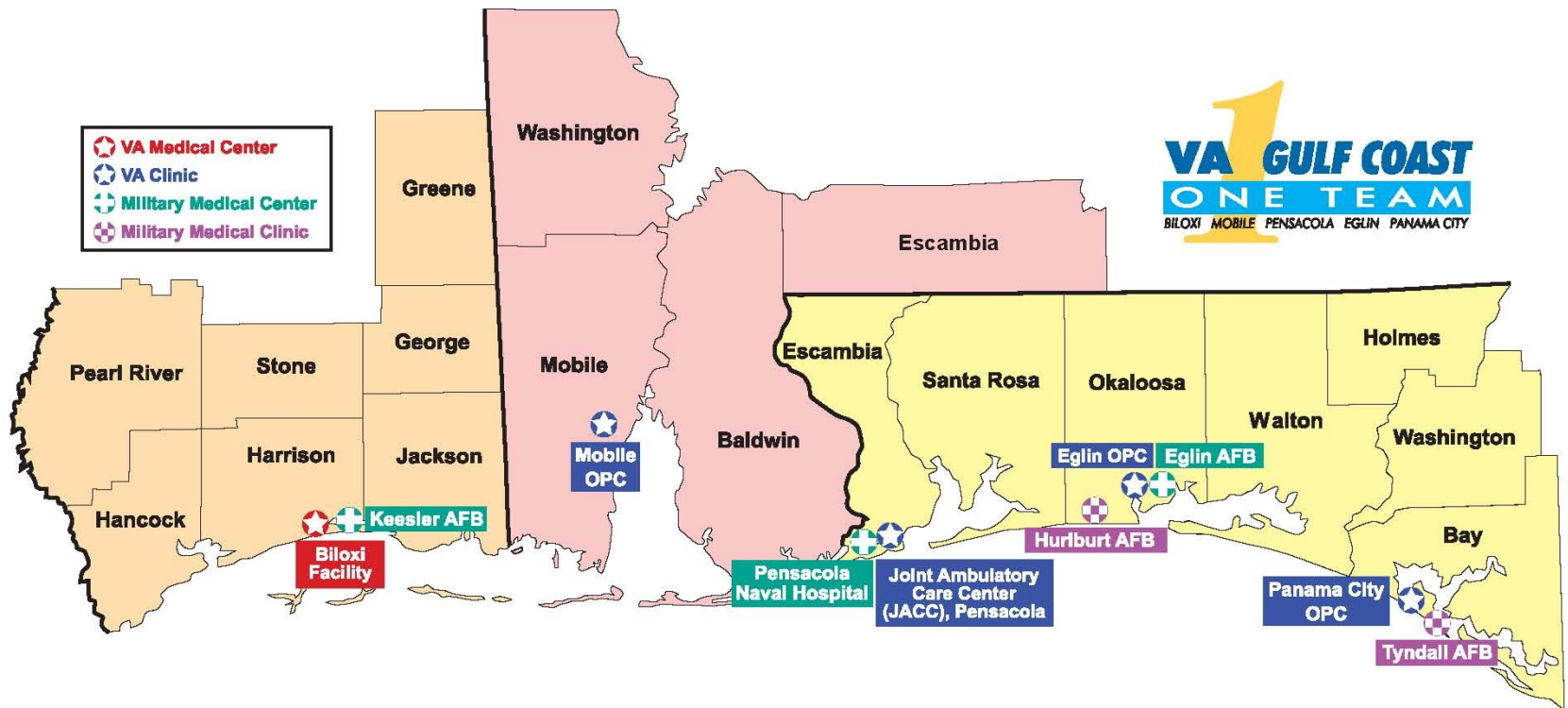
## Area of Responsibility



VAGCVHCS



# VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System Primary Service Area







# Foundation of Partnering



- Oct 1997: First VA Admission to NHP
- Nov 1999: First NHP MH Patient admitted to Gulfport
- Jun 2000: VA started providing NHP Laundry Services
- Sep 2002: VAGCVHCS Director/NHP Commanding Officer Signed Concept Letter for JACC joint venture—VA & Navy submitted JACC Project Book
- Jan 2004: Project Authorized



# JACC Construction Site

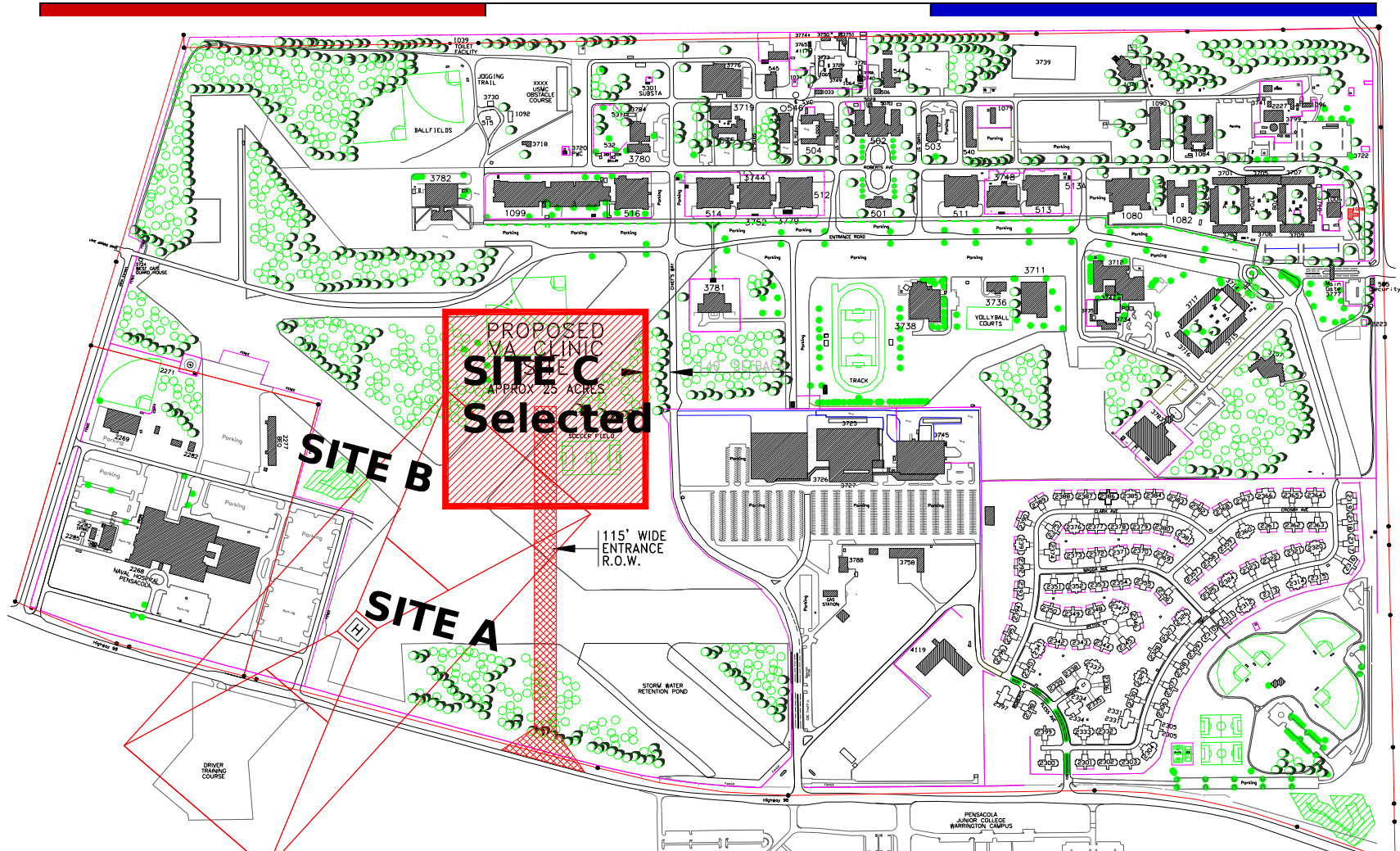






# JACC SITE "C" SELECTED

## (SHOWN WITH ACCESS ROAD)







# JACC Groundbreaking



May 9, 2005





# JACC Under Construction



(Note Naval Hospital Pensacola in background)





# IACC Completion and Activation



- Apr 2008: Construction completed
- Apr-Aug 2008: Activation phase (Install furniture/ equipment and made all preparations for activation)
- Sep 15, 2008: Ribbon Cutting





## Overview

### Joint Ambulatory Care Clinic (JACC), Pensacola, Florida



**Activation: August 25, 2008**

**Ribbon Cutting: September 15, 2008**

**Close proximity facilitates sharing.**

- **Building Information**

- 205,219 square feet
- 3 stories (2 Patient Treatment and 1 Mechanical Floor)
- On 25 acres of Dept. of Navy (NASP) land

- **Consolidates and Enhances Services**

- VA replaces 57,495 sf leased space currently in use off Hwy 29, in four buildings, at 3 locations
- Navy replaces medical, dental, and wellness buildings in at 3 locations
- Consolidates separated clinical/administrative services into one modern, state-of-the-art ambulatory care facility
- Significantly enhances Primary Care and Mental Health services, Specialties, and Diagnostic Medicine

- **VA/Navy Shared Services**

- VA/Navy Staff working as one team
- Benefits Veterans who reside in southern Alabama and the Florida Panhandle as well as Navy Corry Station Students
  - ✓ Primary Care
    - VA 50 VA Exam Rooms
    - Navy 12 Navy Exam Rooms
  - ✓ Joint Dental Service -  
Dental Treatment Rooms: 10 VA and 5 Navy
  - ✓ Joint VA/Navy Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
    - 14,800 square feet

- **Department of Veterans Affairs Services**

- VA Staffing
  - ✓ Minor Surgery - Endoscopy and Minor Procedures
  - ✓ Mental Health -27 Treatment Rooms
  - ✓ Audiology and Speech Pathology - 4 Booths
  - ✓ Eye Clinic - Laser Treatment and 12 Exam Rooms
  - ✓ Pharmacy - Automatic Robotic Dispensing Machine
  - ✓ Diagnostic Medicine
    - MRI and Catscan
    - 3 Radiology and Digital X-ray (1 Rad/Floro)
    - 8 Phlebotomy Chairs with on-site Blood Lab Testing
  - ✓ Specialty Clinics- Women's Clinic, Dermatology, Oncology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Urology, Cardiology, ENT, Nuclear Medicine, and more.



# Resource Sharing at Naval Hospital Pensacola and its Branch Clinics

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- Coordinated Compensation & Pension Exams
- Emergency Department
- Inpatient Services
- Urology Services
- Surgical Services (pending)



# Naval Hospital Pensacola/VAGCVHCS Joint Incentive Fund (JIF) Initiatives



## Approved JIFs:

- **Panama City Consolidation**
  - Consolidate Navy and VA Clinics in Panama City Florida.
  - Joint Dental and Pharmacy, expanded Laboratory and waiting room.
  - Hire 1 VA Dentist, 1 Hygienist, 1 Phlebotomist, and 1 Lab Tech
- **Northwest Florida Sleep Lab Expansion**
  - Expand from 2 to 6 beds
  - Hire 3 contract Sleep Lab techs
  - Appointments for VA and DoD patients to improve access
- **Memphis VA MRI**
  - Hire a VA Radiologist
  - Purchase a GE Signa HDx 1.5 MRI

## Future JIFs:

- **Surgical Optimization**
  - Optimize surgeries at NHP and JACC
  - Upgrade Medical/Surgical Staff
  - Evaluate Joint-use equipment
  - VA/DoD patients who require general anesthesia done at NHP. Ambulatory surgery cases done at JACC.
- **Women's Health**
  - Establish a joint Women's Health Clinic to provide preventative services to the Navy and VA female beneficiaries in a dedicated clinic.
- **Emergency Services**
  - Work group being established to evaluate the need for a joint ER service.